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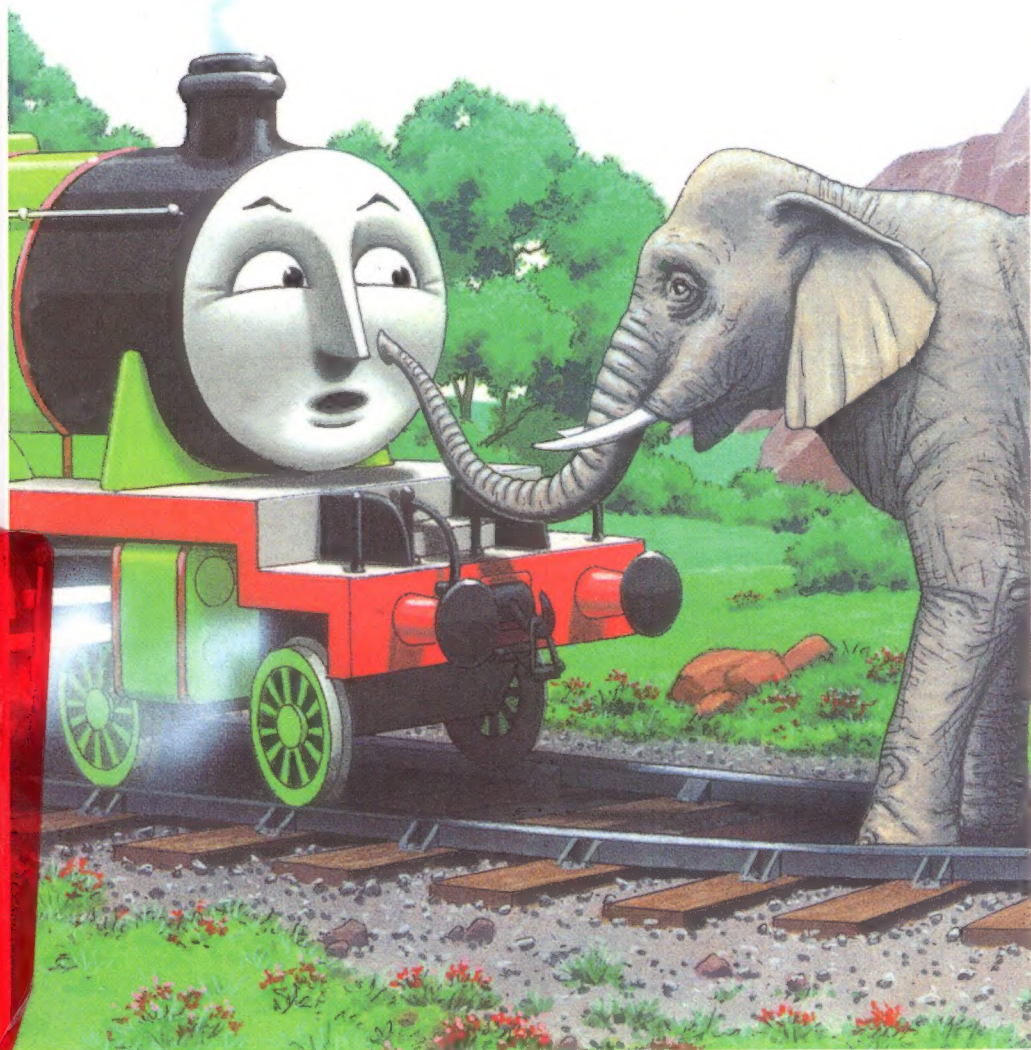
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THOMAS  
& FRIENDS

# Henry and the Elephant





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## Dear Parent:

Congratulations! Your child is taking the first steps on an exciting journey. The destination? Independent reading!



**STEP INTO READING®** will help your child get there. The program offers five steps to reading success. Each step includes fun stories and colorful art. There are also Step into Reading Sticker Books, Step into Reading Math Readers, Step into Reading Write-In Readers, Step into Reading Phonics Readers, and Step into Reading Phonics First Steps! Boxed Sets—a complete literacy program with something for every child.

### Learning to Read, Step by Step!



#### **Ready to Read** Preschool–Kindergarten

- big type and easy words • rhyme and rhythm • picture clues

For children who know the alphabet and are eager to begin reading.



#### **Reading with Help** Preschool–Grade 1

- basic vocabulary • short sentences • simple stories

For children who recognize familiar words and sound out new words with help.



#### **Reading on Your Own** Grades 1–3

- engaging characters • easy-to-follow plots • popular topics

For children who are ready to read on their own.



#### **Reading Paragraphs** Grades 2–3

- challenging vocabulary • short paragraphs • exciting stories

For newly independent readers who read simple sentences with confidence.



#### **Ready for Chapters** Grades 2–4

- chapters • longer paragraphs • full-color art

For children who want to take the plunge into chapter books but still like colorful pictures.

**STEP INTO READING®** is designed to give every child a successful reading experience. The grade levels are only guides. Children can progress through the steps at their own speed, developing confidence in their reading, no matter what their grade.

Remember, a lifetime love of reading starts with a single step!

Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends™

A **BRIT** ALLCROFT PRODUCTION

Based on The Railway Series by The Reverend W Awdry

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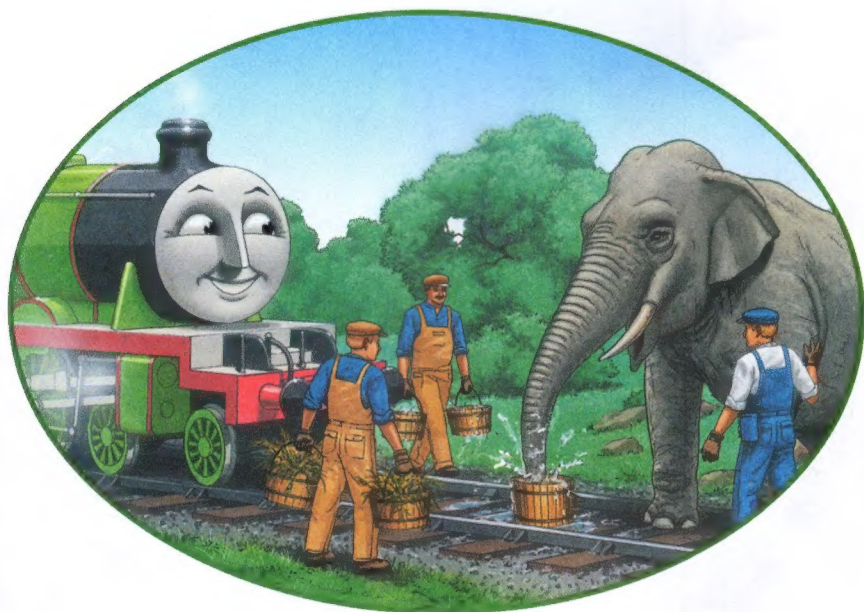
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First Edition

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# Henry and the Elephant



Based on *The Railway Series*  
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Thomas left the Yard.  
He went to run  
his own Branch Line.





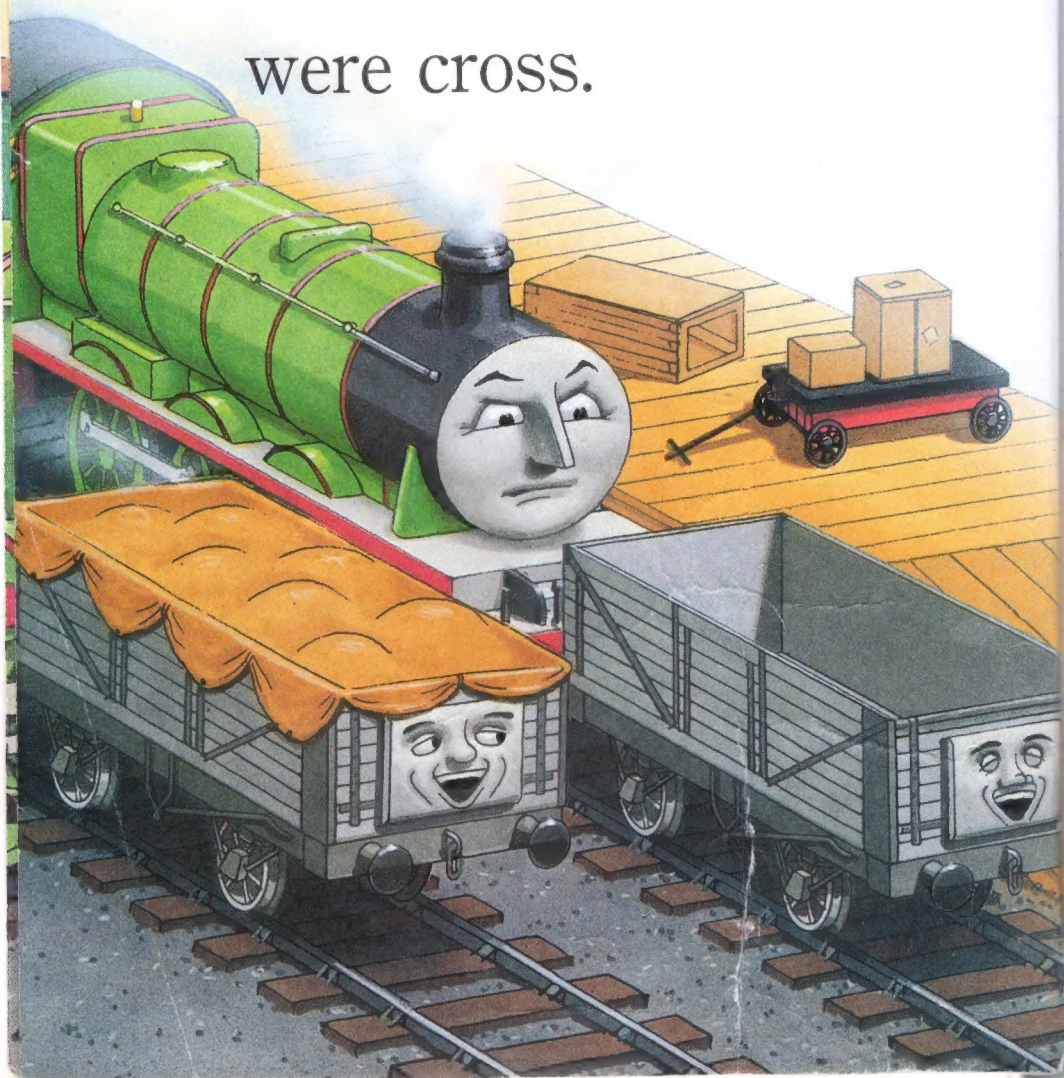
Henry and Gordon  
missed Thomas.





With Thomas gone,  
there was more  
work to do.

Henry and Gordon  
were cross.

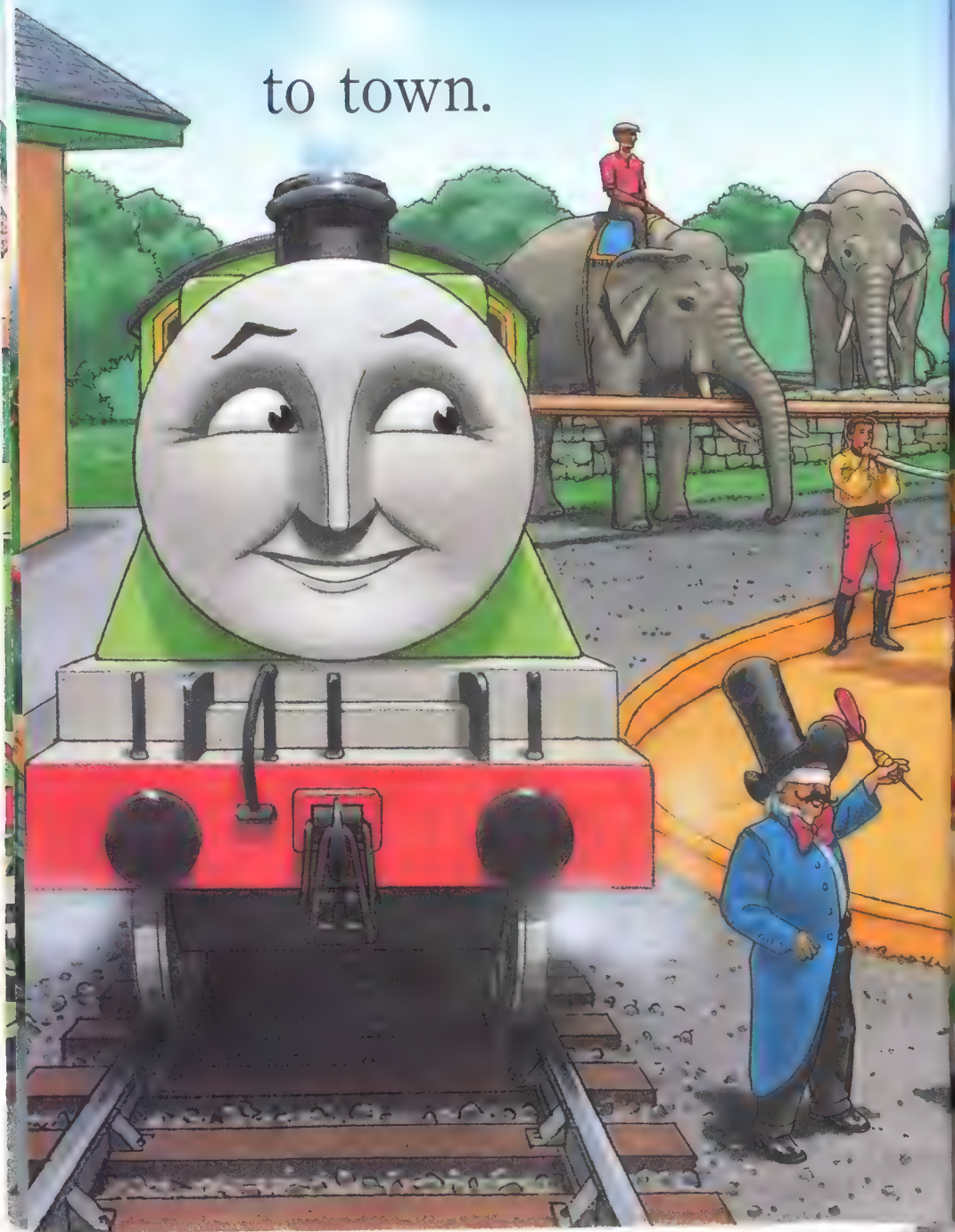


Henry grumbled  
as he pushed trucks.  
Gordon grumbled  
as he pulled coaches.

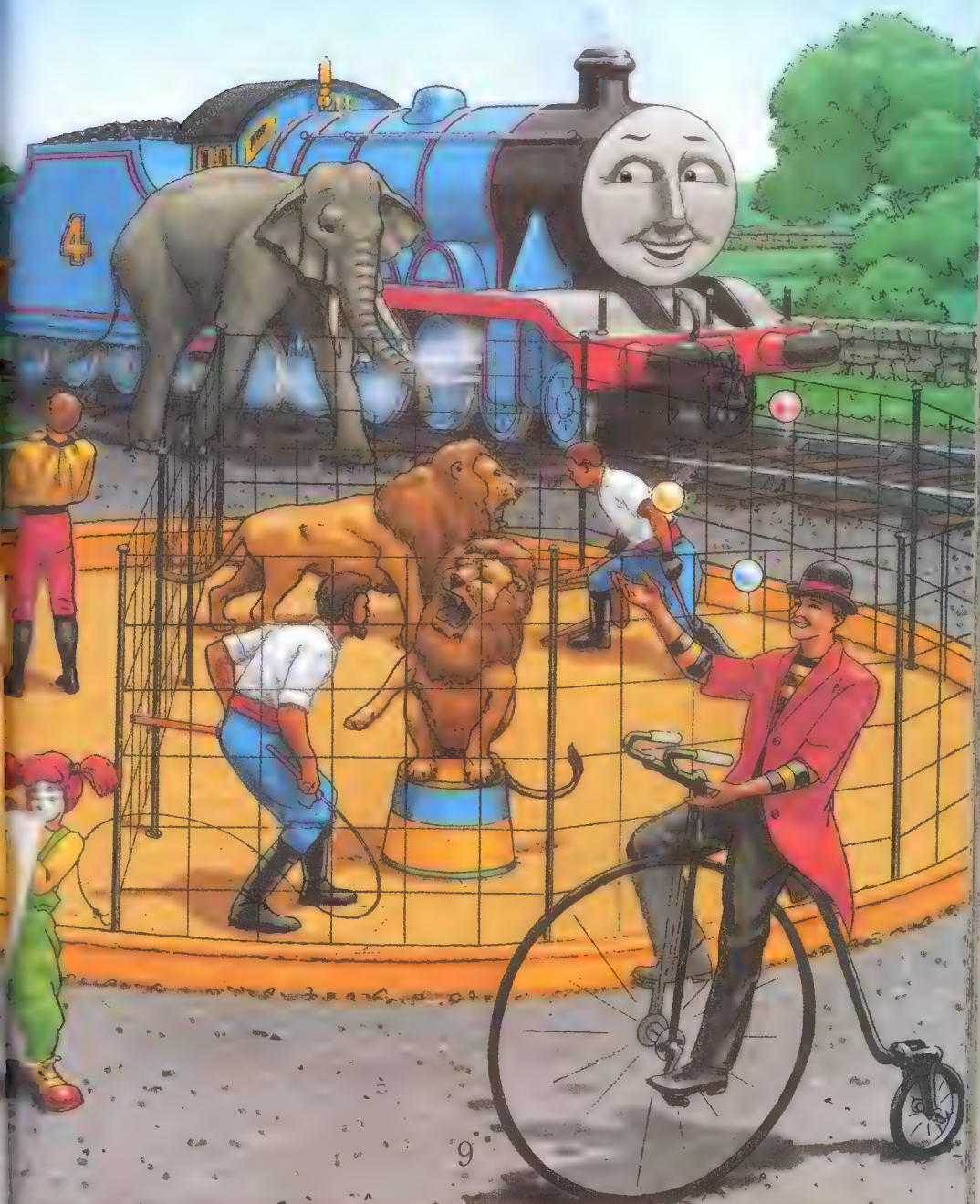




One day,  
a circus came  
to town.



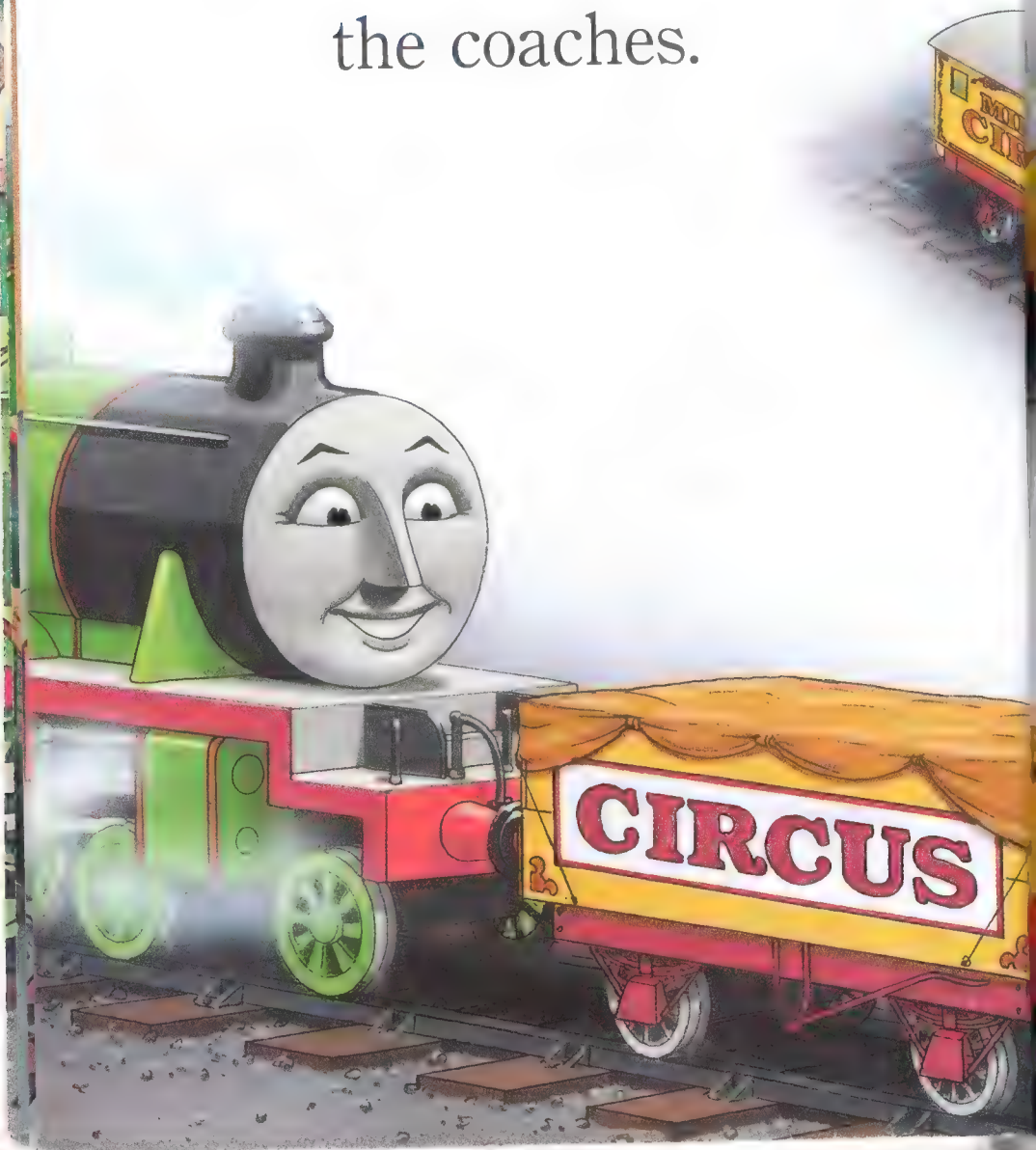
Now the engines  
were even busier.





Henry pushed  
the trucks.

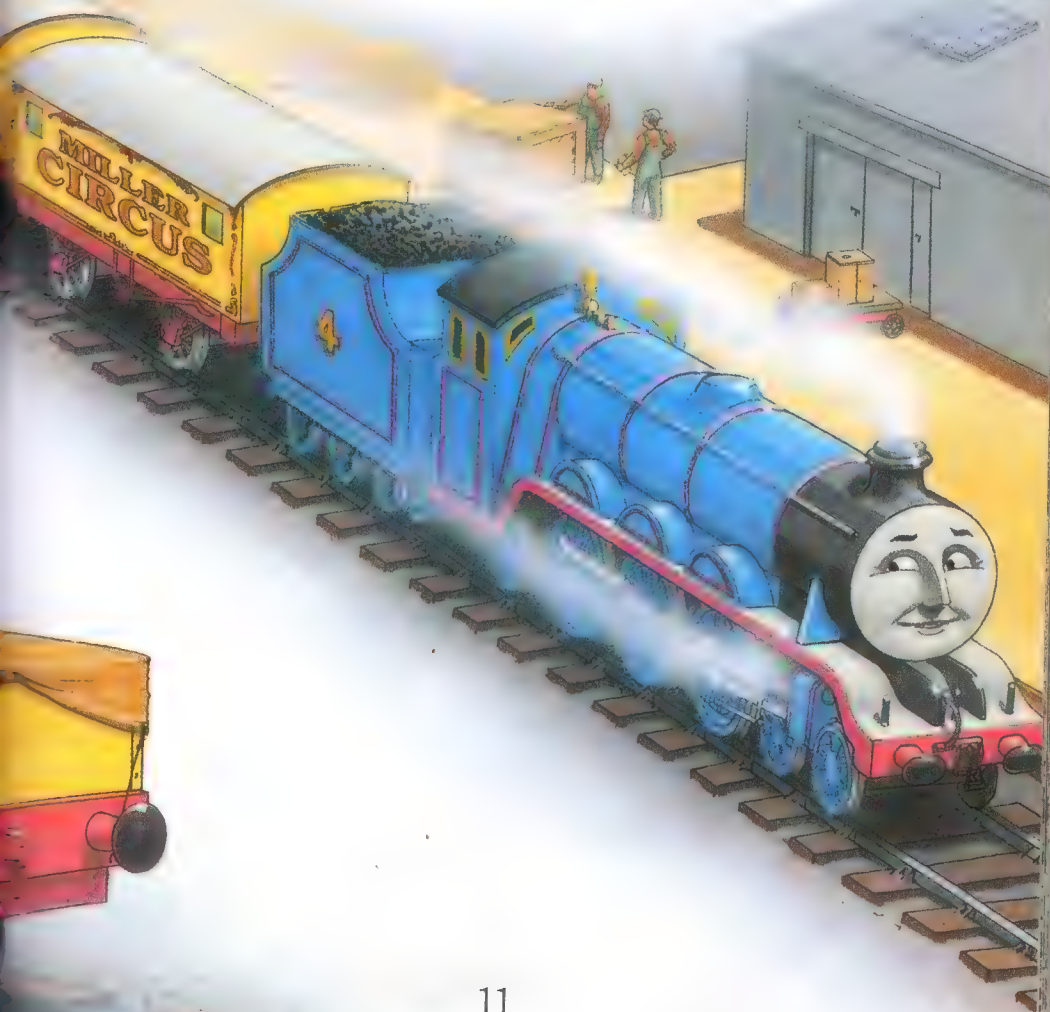
Gordon pulled  
the coaches.



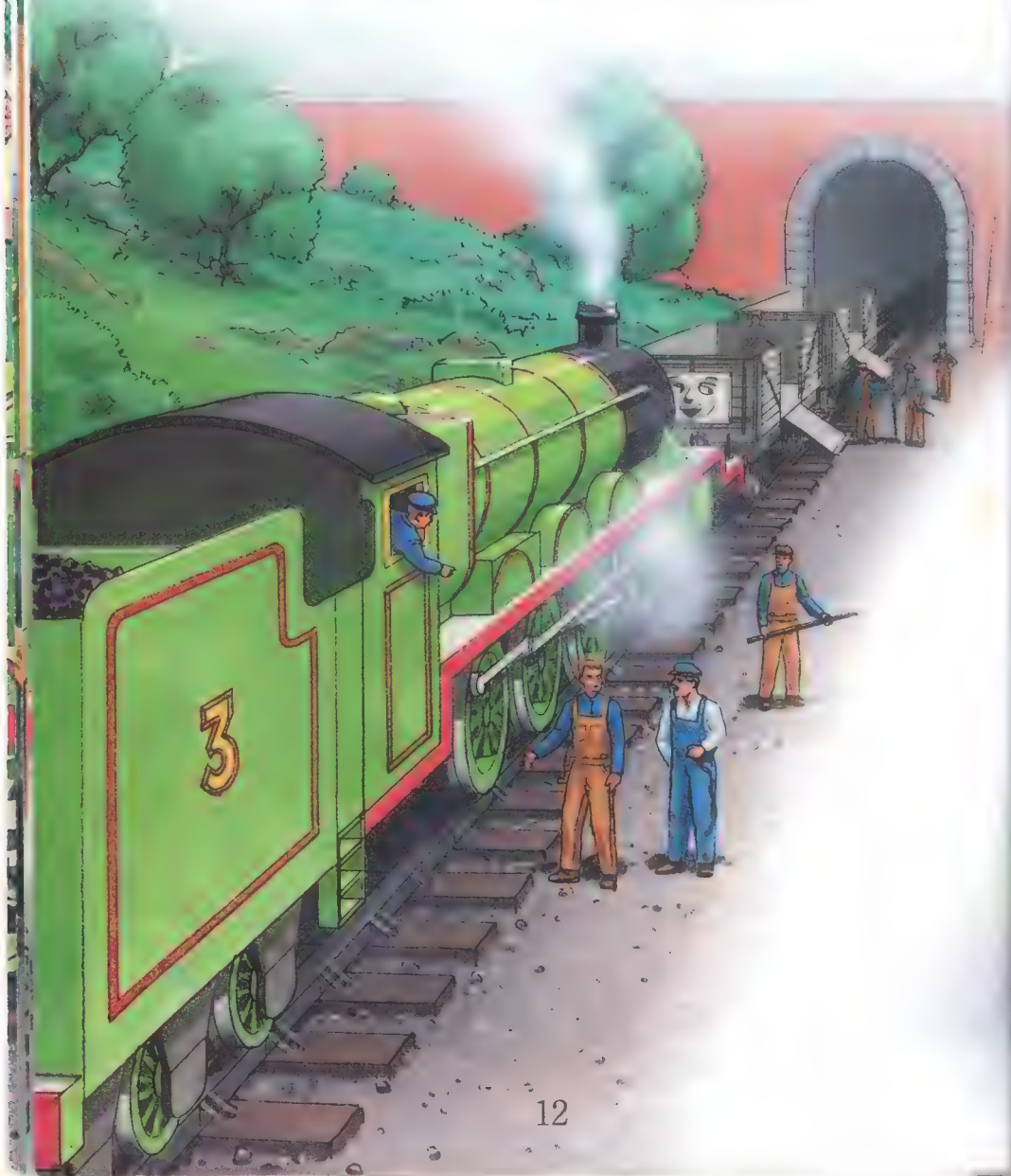


They did not  
grumble.

Henry and Gordon  
liked the circus.



The next day,  
Henry took workmen  
to a blocked tunnel.



The workmen  
picked up their tools.  
“Time to clear the line.”

They walked inside.



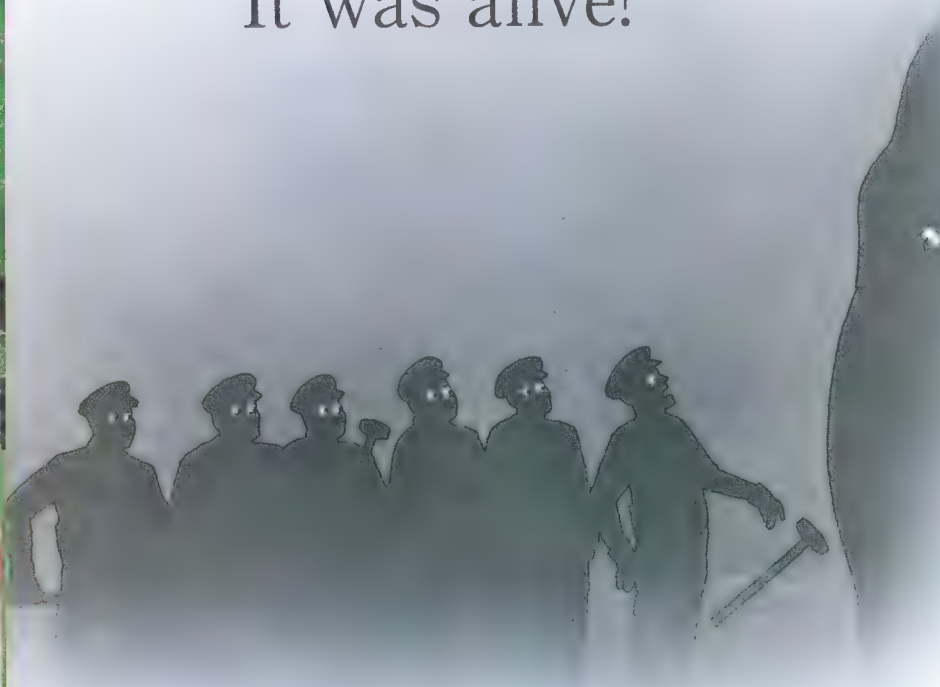


Something big was  
in the tunnel.

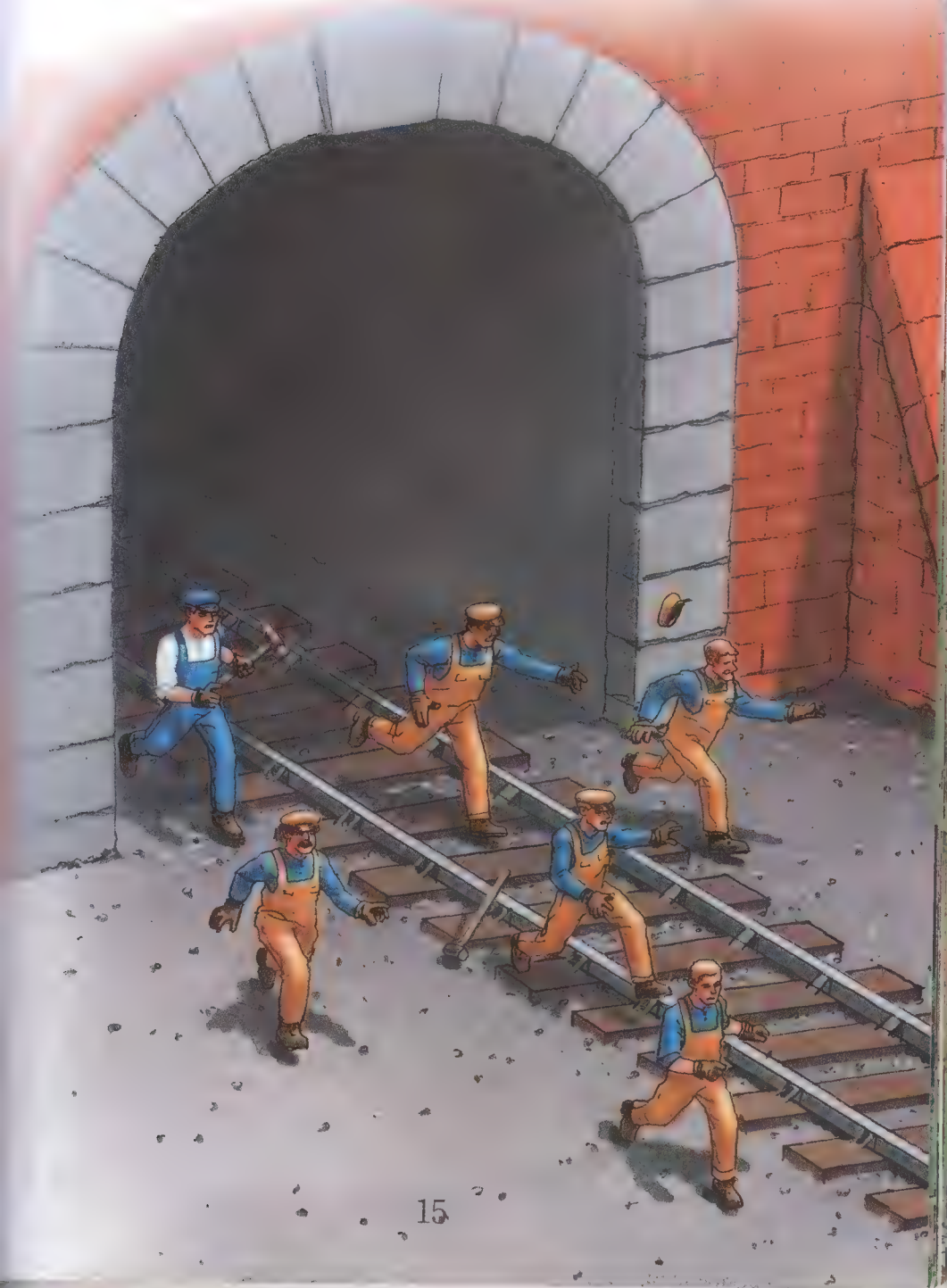
It would not move.

It grunted.

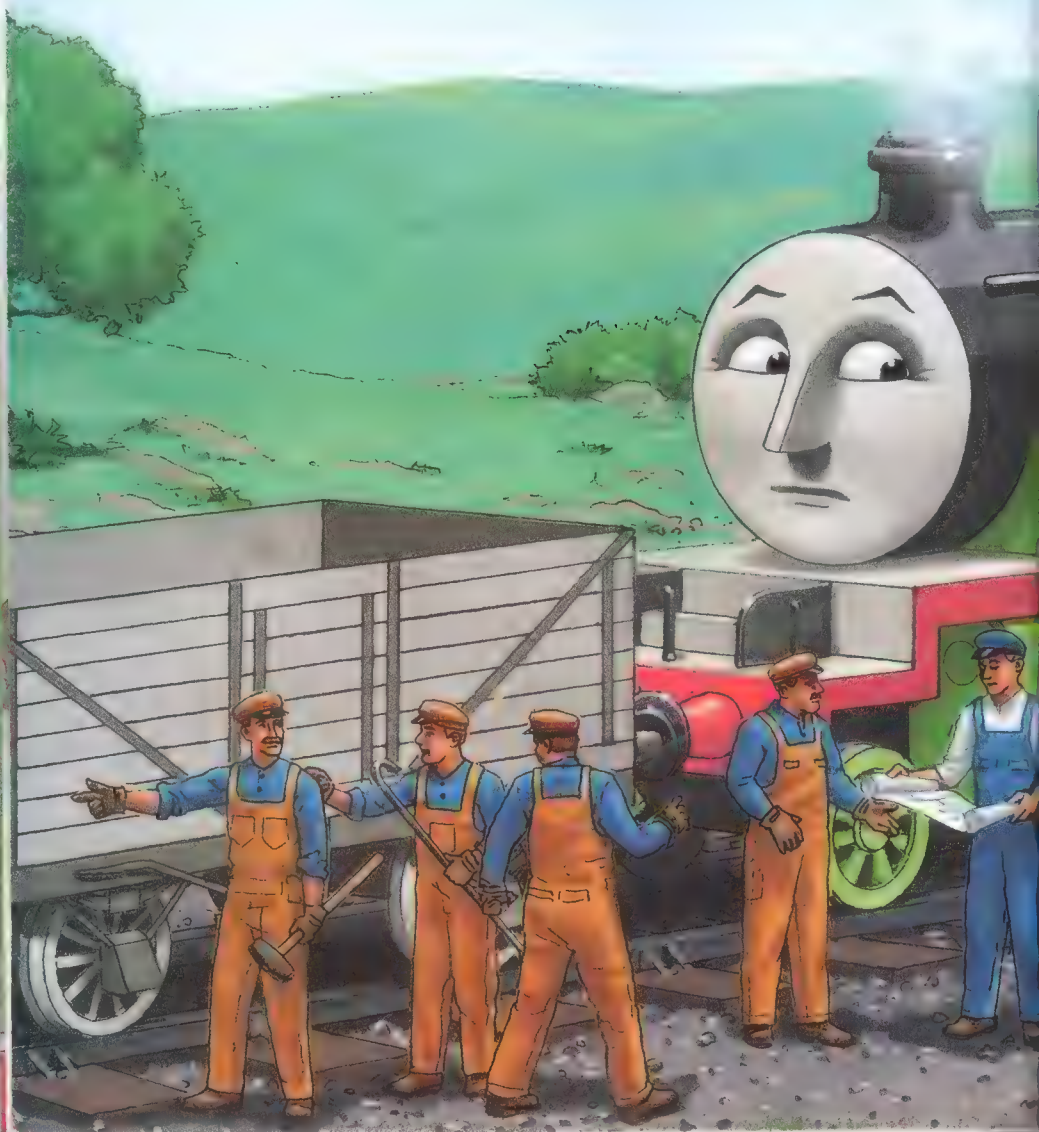
It was alive!



They ran outside.



The Foreman had a plan.  
Henry could push trucks  
into the tunnel.





“Wheesh,” said Henry.

Henry did not like  
tunnels.

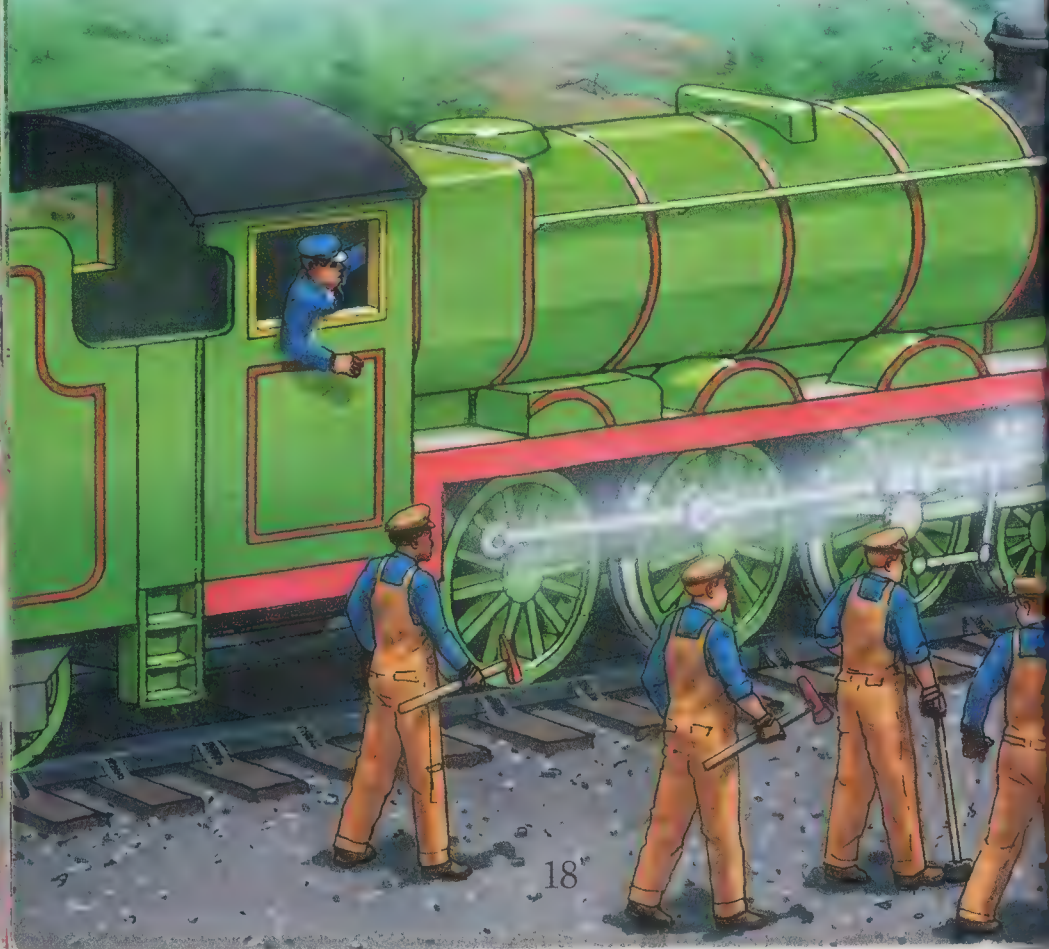
He was scared.



Henry pushed the  
trucks.

They went  
into the dark tunnel.

BUMP!







Henry pushed hard.

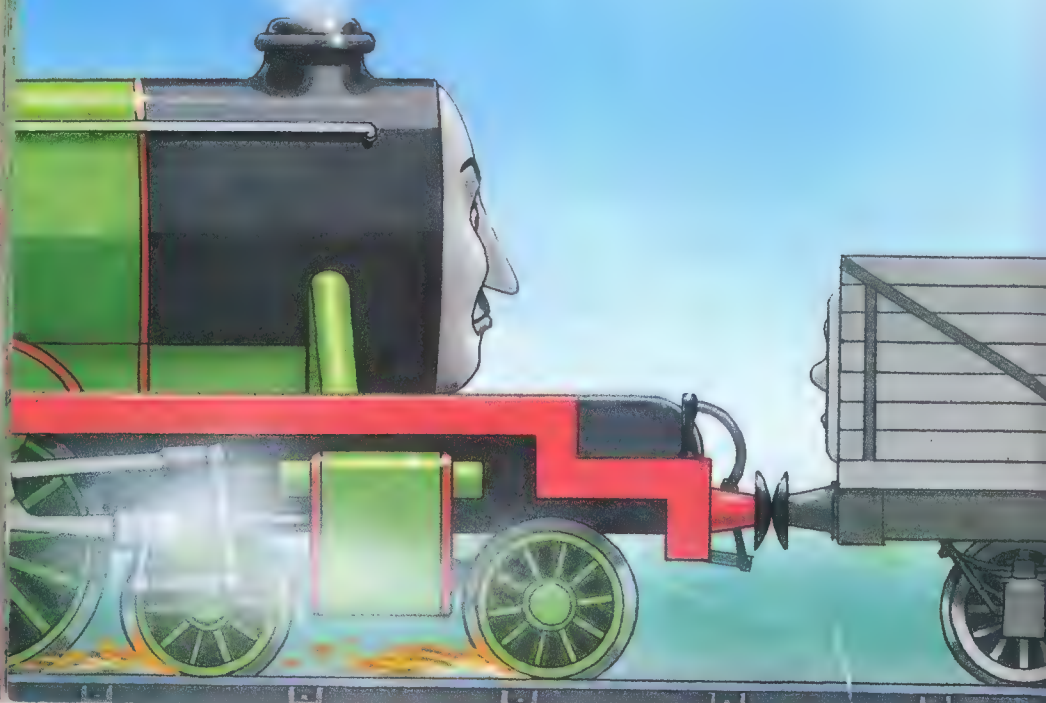
The big, scary thing  
pushed back.



Henry pushed harder.  
The big, scary thing  
pushed hardest!  
Henry inched  
backwards.



First,  
Henry was pushed  
out of the tunnel.  
Then the trucks  
were pushed out.



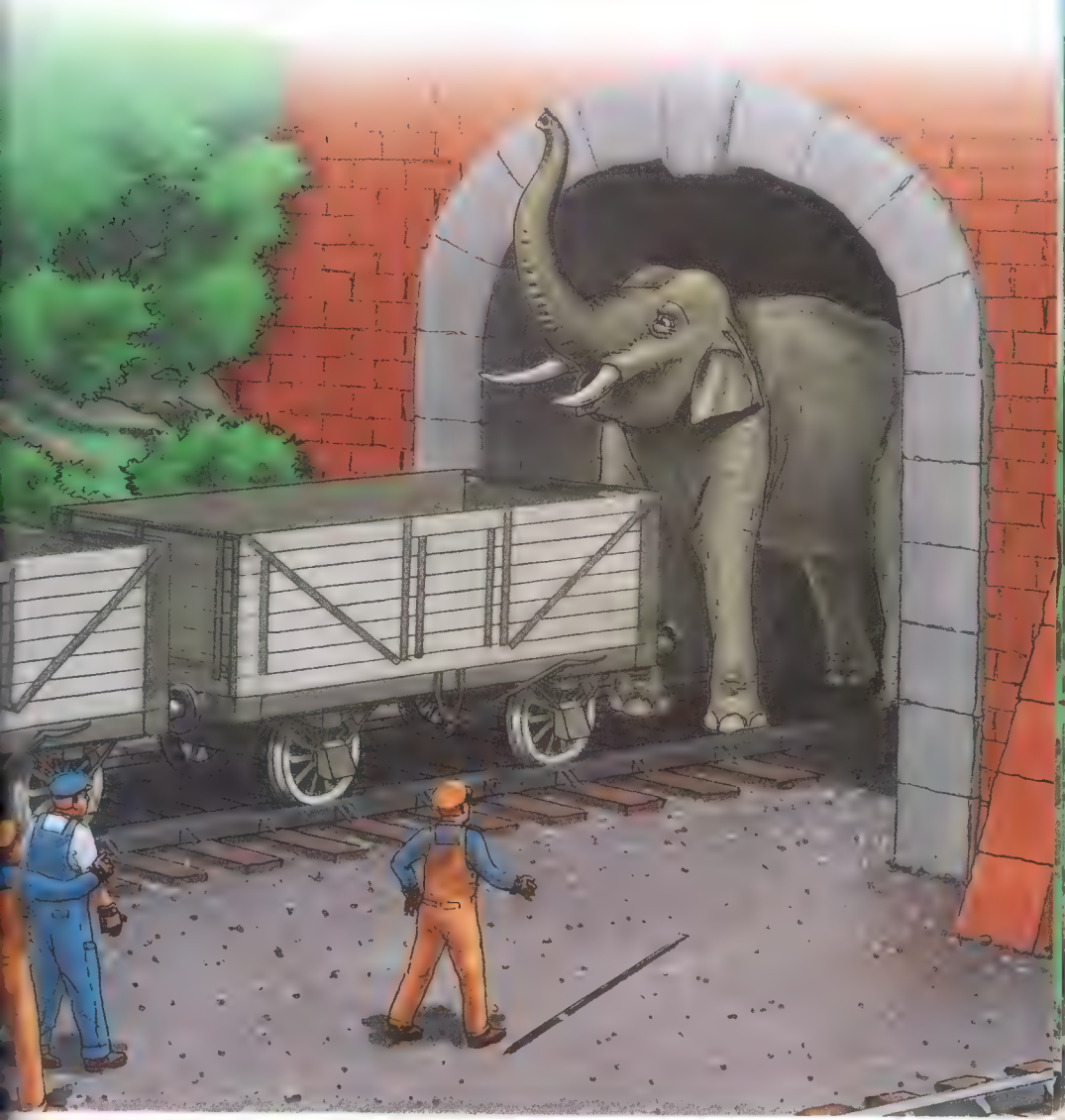




At last,  
they saw what  
was in the tunnel.



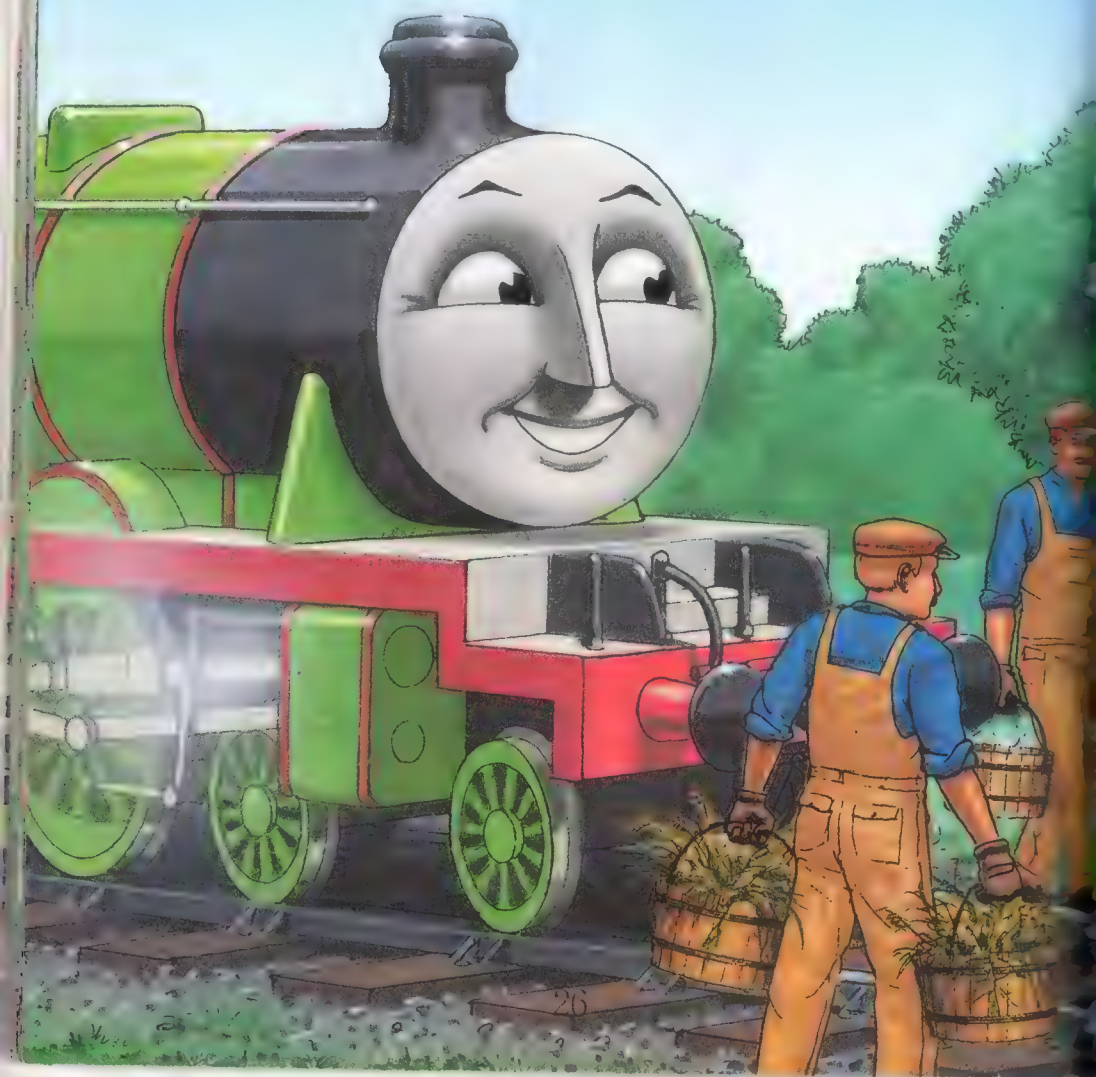
It was an elephant!  
And he looked cross.  
He had run away  
from the circus.

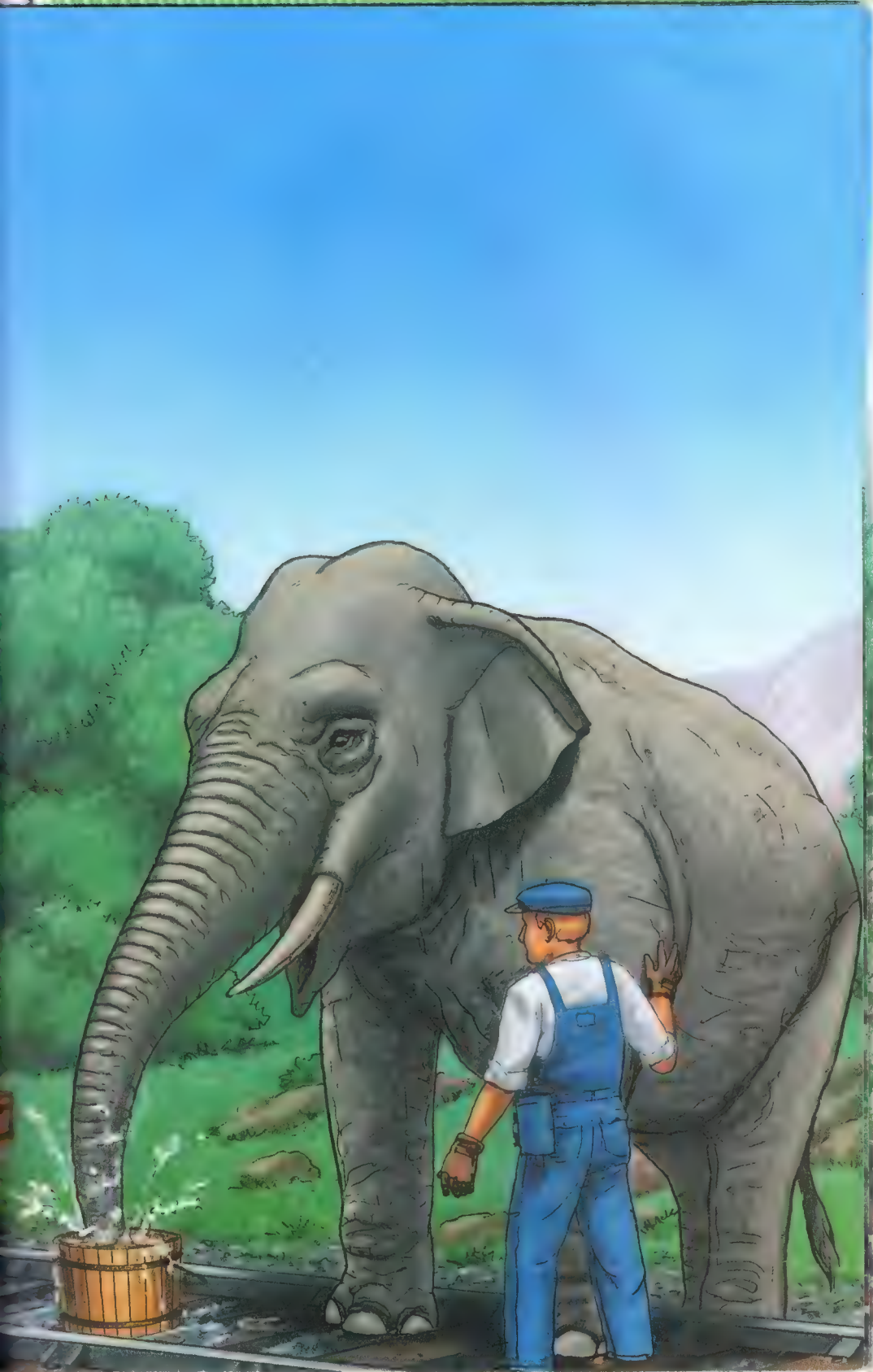




The workmen fed him  
and gave him  
lots of water.

The elephant felt better.





Henry felt better, too.

He let off steam.

Whoosh!





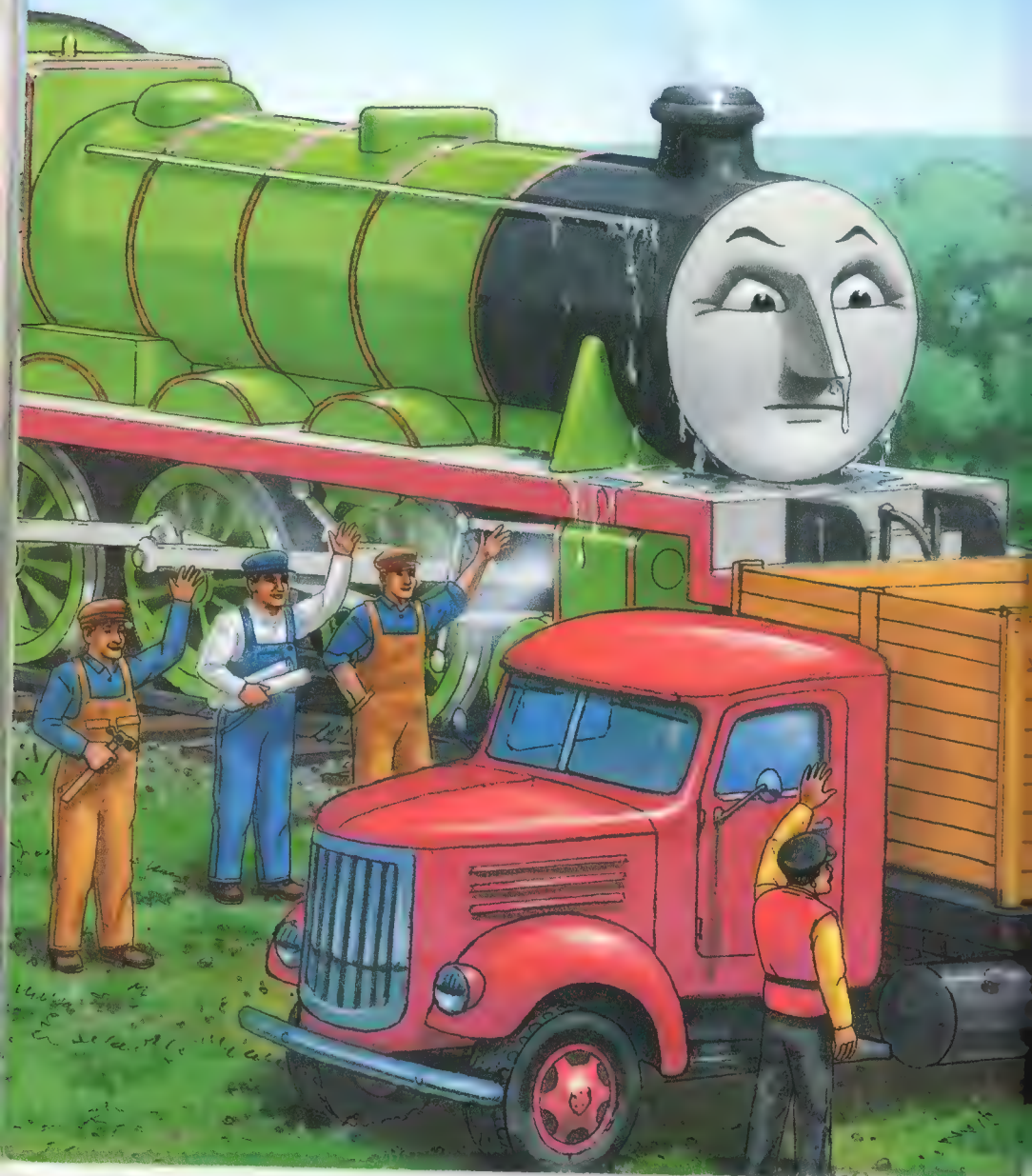
Henry's steam scared  
the elephant.

Splash!

Poor Henry.

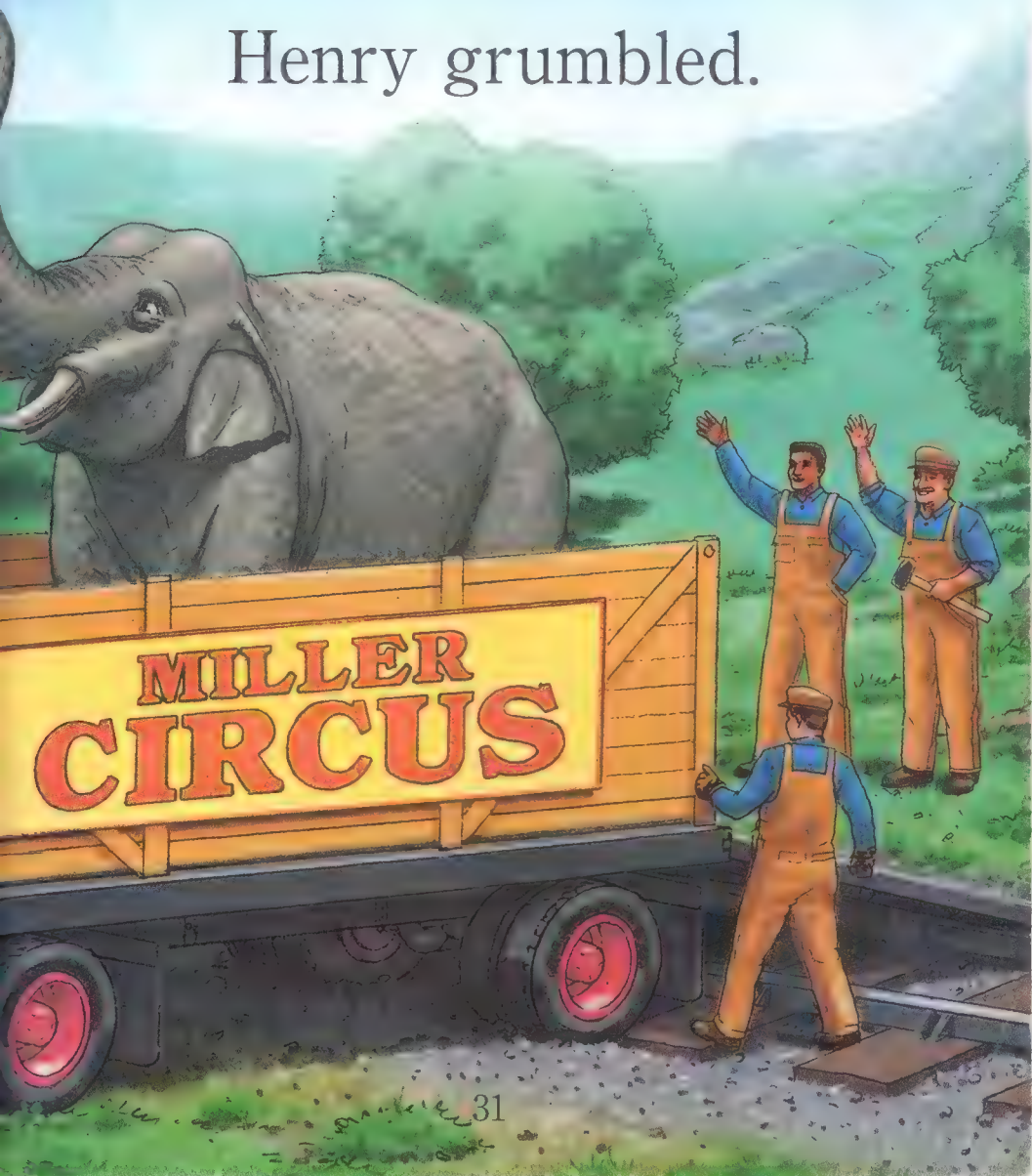


It was time to go home.  
Everyone laughed  
at Henry.





“An elephant  
pushed me and  
splashed me,”  
Henry grumbled.





But in the Shed,  
Henry told  
his funny story.  
His friends laughed.  
This time  
Henry laughed, too.



